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ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

MORAVIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1897.

Business meeting, 10.15 A.M.

The President, Bishop Levering, being prevented by illness from attending, the meeting was called to order by Rev. E. Leibert, on whose motion, seconded by Abraham S. Schropp, Rev. M. W. Leibert was chosen to preside.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted, and the Reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were communicated.

The following is an abstract of the Treasurer's statement for the year ending August 31, 1897:

RECEIPTS.	
Annual Dues	\$ 191 75
Interest.	85 00
Collection at "Vesper," 1896	21 58
Museum Box	5 11
"Transactions" sold.	4 00
Cash on hand, August 31, 1896	459 31
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	\$766 75
EXPENDITURES.	
Treasurer's Compensation	\$ 50 00
Librarian's Compensation.	20 00
"Vesper" supplies.	17 42
"Transactions" (1897).	328 45
Binding.	15 00
Repairs to Graveyard inclosure	15 93
Care of Zeisberger Memorial	4 00
Stationery, postage and expressage	19 16
Taxes and Insurance fees.	3 15
Commission to collector of Annual Dues	4 95
Cash on hand, August 31, 1897	288 69
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	\$766 75

RESOURCES.	
Cash	\$ 288 69
Sundry Loans and Stock	1557 75
Volume III (copies unsold)	52 81
Annual dues unpaid	55 50
Publication Committee	153 08
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	\$2107 83
LIABILITIES.	
Publication Fund	\$1287 05
Summer-house Fund	469 72
Zeisberger Memorial Fund	163 20
Graveyard Fund	35 37
Binding Fund	22 35
Annual dues prepaid	1 50
Excess of Resources	128 64
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	\$2107 83

All the officers of last year were re-elected. (For list, see Part III, p. 92.)

Resolutions were adopted extending a special vote of thanks to Rev. Augustus Schultze, D.D., for his valuable "Guide to the Old Moravian Cemetery at Bethlehem," recently published by the Society, and recommending that the Publication Committee issue an Index to the same as soon as practicable.

The following regulations concerning the annual meetings were adopted :

1. The prior consent of the Executive Board shall be obtained by all members who desire to invite friends to the annual "Vesper."
2. The Secretary shall in future notify each member, by postal card of the time at which the annual Meeting and "Vesper" are to be held.
3. It shall be the duty of the President, in conjunction with the Publication Committee to provide for papers and addresses to be read or delivered at the annual "Vesper," and any papers that are voluntarily offered for this purpose must be submitted to the President and Publication Committee at least three weeks before the annual Meeting.

The "Vesper," 2 P.M.

One hundred and thirty-one members and guests were present.

After the collation, the Chair announced that three members of the Society had died since our last annual Meeting, viz.: Rev. Charles C. Lanius, James H. Knapp and George K. Reed, and communicated a brief biography of each.

The following papers were read :

"Notes on the Family of William Parsons, the Father of Easton, together with some Related Matter," by Bishop Levering ; (read by Rev. J. Taylor Hamilton).

"The Surprise and Massacre at Frederic Hoeth's Plantation, in 1755, and the Subsequent Fortunes of his Daughter Mariana," by Rev. E. Leibert.

"Harvesting under Difficulties on the Barony of Nazareth in 1746," by John W. Jordan ; (read by Rev. M. W. Leibert).

"Reminiscences of the Old First Moravian Church of Philadelphia and some of its Members," by W. H. Jordan ; (read by Rev. P. de Schweinitz).

The following contributions to the Museum and Library were reported by the Librarian :

From W. H. Jordan : Portraits in oil of Rev. F. F. Hagen, Rev. Augustus Schultze, Rev. Joseph H. Kummer, Rev. J. Max Hark, and Rev. J. Taylor Hamilton.

From R. I. Schlabach : Report of the Commission to Locate the Frontier Forts of Pennsylvania, two volumes.

The Society numbers two hundred fifty-three active and associate members and seventy-two life members, making a total of three hundred twenty-five.